

Spirit Baptism: The How and Why

• How to Receive the Holy Spirit

- Luke 11:1-4—seven petitions in the Lord's Prayer—you get the idea that God really loves it when we _____ Him for what we'd like, for what we want, for what we need!
- Luke 11:5-8—Because it's only when we realize we have _____ that we are ripe and ready for the _____ God has for us.
- Luke 11:8—"... He will get up and give you as much as you _____, simply because you are not ashamed to _____."
- Luke 11:9-13—"In order to receive, we must _____. In order to find, we must _____. In order for the doors to be open, we must _____."
 - *Desire of Ages*: "This promised blessing [the Holy Spirit], claimed by faith, brings _____ other blessings in its train. It is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ, and He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive." (672)
 - Ellen White: "With the reception of this gift [the Holy Spirit], _____ other gifts would be ours; for we are to have this gift according to the plentitude of the riches of the grace of Christ, and He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive." (*Ye Shall Receive Power* 221)
- Luke 11:13 (ISV) —"... how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who _____ Him."
 - Ellen White: "Morning by morning [Jesus] communicated with His Father in heaven, receiving from Him _____ a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit." (*Signs of the Times* November 21, 1895)
 - *Acts of the Apostles*: "To the consecrated [follower of Jesus] there is wonderful consolation in the knowledge that even Christ during His life on earth sought His Father _____ for fresh supplies of needed grace." (56)
 - *Christ's Object Lessons*: "Our prayers are to be as earnest and persistent as was the petition of the needy friend who asked for the loaves at midnight. The more earnestly and steadfastly we ask, the _____ will be our spiritual union with Christ." (146)

• The Purpose of the Holy Spirit

- John 14:16-18—The Holy Spirit will bring _____ presence into us.
 - John 14:26—The Holy Spirit will teach _____ truths to us.
 - John 15:26—The Holy Spirit will speak _____ testimony through us.
 - John 16:5-7—The Holy Spirit will take _____ place with us.
 - J. I. Packer, *Keep in Step with the Spirit: Finding Fullness in Our Walk with God*: "The Spirit's message to us is never 'Look at me; listen to me; come to me; get to know me' but always 'Look at *Him*, and see His glory; listen to *Him*, and hear His word; go to *Him*, and have life; get to know *Him*, and taste His gift of joy and peace.' The Spirit, we might say, is the matchmaker, the celestial marriage broker, whose role it is to bring us and Christ together and ensure that we _____ together." (Quoted in Frank Hasel, "The Holy Spirit and Spirituality," Jan-Mar 2017 SS Study Guide p 18)
 - *Desire of Ages*: "The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense He would be _____ to them than if He had not ascended on high." (669)
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A MODEL PRAYER WITH PROMISES FOR THE DAILY RENEWING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT*

Father in heaven, I come to you in the name of Jesus our Savior. You said: Give me your heart. (Prov. 23:26) I want to do that now by sub-mitting myself to you today with everything I am and have.** Thank you that you have already answered this prayer according to Your will, because Your word says that if we pray according to Your will we know that we have already received it (1 John 5:15). And you also said that you would by no means cast anyone out who comes to you (John 6:37).

Jesus said: "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him." (Luke 11:13)

You further said that you would give the Holy Ghost to those, who believe in you (John 7:38-39), who obey you (Acts 5:32), who let themselves be renewed with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18) and who walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16). This is my desire. Please accomplish this in me. For this reason I sincerely ask you Father to give me the Holy Ghost today. Since it is a request according to Your will, I thank You that have given me the Holy Ghost now (1 John 5:15). Thank You that I have received Your divine love at the same time, because Your word says: "The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 5:5; Eph. 3:17) I want to say with the psalmist: "I will love You, O Lord, my strength." (Psalm 18:1) Thank you that I can love my fellow human beings with Your love.

Thank You that through the Holy Ghost the power of sin has been broken in me (Rom. 8:13, Gal. 5:16). Please save and protect me today from sin and from the world, give me protection from the fallen angels, save me from temptations and when necessary snatch me and save me from my old corrupt nature. (1. John 5:18)

And please help me to be Your witness in word and deed (Acts 1:8). I praise You and thank You for hearing my prayer. Amen.

*This prayer is found in *Steps to Personal Revival: Being Filled With the Holy Spirit* by Helmt Haubeil (January 2018), p. 89.

**"Only those who will become co-workers with Christ, only those who will say, Lord, all I have and all I am is Thine, will be acknowledged as sons and daughters of God." E.G. White, *The Desire of Ages* (1898), p. 523.1